

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 11 through 13 are pending, with Claim 11 being independent.

Claims 11 through 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph, as lacking written description on the grounds that in Claim 11, the recited structure (c) for segment A is not supported, since the recited structure (c) is for segment B not segment A at pp. 19 and 46. All rejections are respectfully traversed. Applicants respectfully submit that support structure (c) for segment A can be found at, e.g., Example 15 at pp. 57-58, wherein the ABC triblock polymer has block segment A (most hydrophobic) of EOVE (corresponding to structure (c)), block segment B (hydrophilic) of MOVE, and block segment C of VEOEtPhCOOEt. Applicants traverse the Official Action's reliance upon pp. 19 and 46 where structure (c) is used as block segment B, since such are *other* examples, which happen to use structure (c) for block segment B instead of block segment A. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the claims are supported by and not inconsistent with the specification. And Applicants submit that the artisan would have thought that Applicants were in possession of the claimed invention. MPEP 2163.02, 2163.04.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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